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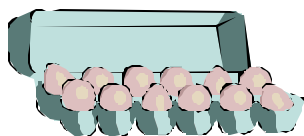
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes in Philadelphia and in the Southern region. In California, larger sizes were one cent higher. Otherwise, prices were unchanged. Market tone was mostly steady at current levels. Demand was generally fair to good and was best where features were in progress. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate from regular commitments. Demand for additional product was light to moderate. Light type fowl satisfied current slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower on the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was fair to good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular sources were sufficient for the light demand. Light type hens were adequate for processing requirements.

**NEW YORK** All prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Demand was fair to good, best where items were featured. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand moderate, best for features that were planned or in progress. Supplies generally adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices were mostly unchanged from last week. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good, best into feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were mixed, mostly adequate for current needs. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Regular commitments satisfied most breakers needs. Floor stocks were mixed ranging from in balance to fully adequate but were usually adequate to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was steady.

**SOUTHERN** Extra large and large sizes were lower compared to last week. The balance was unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were generally adequate on all sizes. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 15 was 60.79 cents, 5.25 cents less than the week before and 3.97 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were at least sufficient and demand was light. Light type fowl satisfied current processing needs.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest, unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 4% higher than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 8%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS**, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

|                            | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| <b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>    |             |       |        |
| Boston (Brown)             | 93-95       | 88-90 | 62-64  |
| New York                   | 66-68       | 63-66 | 52-55  |
| Philadelphia               | 64-66       | 62-64 | 51-52  |
| <b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>     |             |       |        |
| Atlanta (1) (2)            | 55-66       | 53-55 | 43-44  |
| Jackson (1)                | 66-67       | 62-63 | 52-53  |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 64-77       | 61-75 | 49-63  |
| <b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>      |             |       |        |
| Chicago                    | 53-58       | 52-57 | 44-49  |
| Detroit (2)                | 50-53       | 49-52 | 40-43  |
| Major Ohio Cities (2)      | 51-57       | 50-55 | 41-47  |
| Major Wisconsin Cities     | 54-61       | 52-59 | 44-51  |
| <b>WESTERN CITIES</b>      |             |       |        |
| Houston (1)                | 70-73       | 67-70 | 55-57  |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 93          | 83    | 76     |

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings in good balance. Small invoice price 56. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

|  | RANGE |
|--|-------|
| JUMBO  | 111   |
| EXTRA LARGE  | 93    |
| LARGE  | 83    |
| MEDIUM   | 76    |
| PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. |       |

| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA |         | NORTHERN CALIFORNIA |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                     | RANGE   |                     | RANGE   |
| JUMBO               | 229-289 | JUMBO               | 219-269 |
| EXTRA LARGE         | 219-259 | EXTRA LARGE         | 193-249 |
| LARGE               | 199-209 | LARGE               | 183-219 |
| MEDIUM              | 187-199 | MEDIUM              | 149-179 |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 22, 2000 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 15, 2000 were 231,123 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 195,187  | 35,936 | 231,123 |

% change from the prior week..... +1 +13 +2  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Demand was light to moderate with regular commitments satisfying most needs. Floor stocks mixed from balanced to fully adequate, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| NEST RUN  | 33-37 | 33-35 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES                                  | 18-21 |       |
| CENTRAL STATES AREA:                                  |       |       |
| AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI |       |       |

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading was slightly higher. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY  
FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-00

|                       | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 2-10  | 5-7      | 5.96       |

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were about unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for offerings that were still fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as adequate for needs. The market tone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-00

|   | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD<br>AVG |
|---|-------------------|----------|------------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING                       | .25-9.5           | 2.25-6   | 4.75       |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING                    | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |            |
| FOB PLANT                                   | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |            |
| * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT. |                   |          |            |

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT**-AM Sep 18,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

|          |         | NO<br>CENT | SO<br>CENT | SO<br>Atl | 5-Area<br>Pacific |
|----------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 9.7        | 11.2       | 5.5       | 13.0              |
|          | Change  | -0.4       | -0.2       | -0.3      | 0.1               |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 20.1       | 39.7       | 10.6      | 28.6              |
|          | Change  | 2.6        | -5.1       | -1.1      | -0.7              |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 31.3       | 69.9       | 52.2      | 72.5              |
|          | Change  | 1.8        | -15.3      | 6.9       | -2.9              |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 12.6       | 32.3       | 17.6      | 16.9              |
|          | Change  | 2.1        | -2.2       | 2.7       | -6.4              |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 5.6        | 6.9        | 3.0       | 6.2               |
|          | Change  | -0.8       | -0.3       | -1.1      | -0.9              |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 4.5        | 18.3       | 5.7       | 11.0              |
|          | Change  | 0.6        | -1.3       | -0.1      | 0.9               |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 20.9       | 45.4       | 19.9      | 26.0              |
|          | Change  | -0.7       | -8.0       | -2.1      | -1.4              |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 104.7      | 223.7      | 114.5     | 174.2             |
| Percent  | Change  | 5%         | -13%       | 4%        | -6%               |

| TOTAL                    | Number of<br>Cases | Percent<br>Change | Number of<br>Cooperators |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Shell Egg                | 807.0              | -3%               | 171                      |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 433.7              | -1%               | 39                       |
| Total Shell Egg          | 1240.7             | -2%               | 210                      |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 04, 2000

| GRADE A   | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|   | 170    | 166.9 | 157.9  | 109.9 |
| MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 04, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD. |        |       |        |       |
| GRADE A   | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|   | 134    | 134   | 124    | 77    |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

| CURRENT LOADS |       |     |       |       |       |       |      | FUTURE LOADS |     | TOTAL LOADS |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
|---------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|------|--|
| 11.50         |       |     |       |       |       |       |      | 9.00         |     | 20.50       |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| SE            |       | NE  |       | MW    |       | LOADS |      | SC           |     | NW          |     | SW  |     | LOADS |      |      |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   |      | CLASS        | ORG | DST         | ORG | DST | ORG | DST   |      |      |  |
| GNR W 1       | —     | —   | —     | —     | —     | —     | 3.00 | GNR W 1      | —   | —           | —   | —   | —   | —     | —    | 4.00 |  |
| GNR W 2       | 37.00 | —   | 39.00 | 39.75 | —     | —     | 2.00 | GNR W 3      | —   | 47.00       | —   | —   | —   | —     | —    | 1.00 |  |
| GNR W 3       | —     | —   | —     | —     | —     | —     | 1.00 | GL W MD      | —   | —           | —   | —   | —   | 43.06 | 4.00 |      |  |
| GL W XL       | —     | —   | —     | 50.00 | 47.00 | —     | 1.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| GL W LG       | —     | —   | 44.00 | 46.00 | —     | —     | 1.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| GL W MD       | —     | —   | 30.70 | —     | 33.50 | —     | 4.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| GL W SM       | —     | —   | 21.50 | 23.00 | —     | —     | 1.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —   | 29.50 | 31.00 | —     | —     | .50  |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —   | —     | —     | 37.50 | —     | 1.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —   | —     | —     | —     | —     | 2.00 |              |     |             |     |     |     |       |      |      |  |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/11/00-09/15/00

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | FUTURE LOADS |       | TOTAL LOADS |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|
| 112.50        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       | 49.00        |       | 161.50      |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| SE            |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | LOADS |       | SC           |       | NW          |     | SW    |       | LOADS |       |  |  |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   |       | CLASS        | ORG   | DST         | ORG | DST   | ORG   | DST   |       |  |  |
| GNR W 1       | 36.00 | 40.00 | 40.50 | 42.25 | 40.00 | 39.00 | 36.00 | GNR W 1      | —     | 41.60       | —   | —     | —     | —     | 20.00 |  |  |
| GNR W 2       | 37.00 | —     | 38.25 | 39.63 | —     | —     | 5.00  | GNR W 3      | —     | 41.75       | —   | —     | —     | —     | 2.00  |  |  |
| GNR W 3       | —     | 35.00 | —     | —     | 32.75 | —     | 5.00  | GL W XL      | —     | 51.00       | —   | —     | 49.00 | 53.79 | 10.50 |  |  |
| GNR BR 1      | —     | —     | 49.00 | 51.00 | —     | —     | 2.00  | GL W LG      | 45.00 | 43.71       | —   | 49.00 | —     | 52.16 | 21.50 |  |  |
| GL W XL       | 45.93 | —     | 44.50 | 47.50 | 42.94 | —     | 16.75 | GL W MD      | 32.44 | —           | —   | —     | —     | 41.18 | 18.50 |  |  |
| GL W LG       | 41.50 | —     | 42.30 | 44.25 | 41.52 | —     | 24.25 |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| GL W MD       | —     | 34.00 | 33.46 | 36.56 | 31.88 | 35.67 | 21.00 |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| GL W SM       | —     | —     | 21.30 | 22.85 | —     | —     | 5.00  |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| NRBS - 50     | —     | —     | 29.50 | 31.00 | —     | —     | 1.00  |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 32.56 | 34.10 | 13.00 |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 32.25 | 32.33 | 4.00  |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| NRBS - 42     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 25.00 | 27.00 | 2.00  |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |
| NRBS - 39     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 17.50 | —     | 7.00  |              |       |             |     |       |       |       |       |  |  |

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 09/03/00 - 09/09/00**

| Origin State | CO    | IN    | IA     | MN    | MO    | NH  | NY    | OH    | OR    | TX    | UT    | TOTAL  |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| N. CA        | 0     | 0     | 780    | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0     | 780   | 1,384 | 0     | 1,680 | 4,624  |
| C. CA        | 0     | 840   | 0      | 0     | 0     | 0   | 0     | 0     | 726   | 0     | 720   | 2,286  |
| S. CA        | 1,426 | 840   | 15,450 | 4,758 | 2,568 | 784 | 1,253 | 2,428 | 0     | 1,920 | 4,318 | 35,745 |
| TOTAL STATE  | 1,426 | 1,680 | 16,230 | 4,758 | 2,568 | 784 | 1,253 | 3,208 | 2,110 | 1,920 | 6,718 | 42,655 |

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO   | EX-LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 114-117 | 74-77    | 69-72 | 43-46  | 15-18 |

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| JUMBO | EX-LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 58-61 | 49-55    | 47-52 | 38-43  | 22-26 |

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|-------|--------|-------|
| 32-34 | 24-26  | 10-12 |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| EX-LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|----------|-------|--------|-------|
| 73.27    | 69.27 | 59.27  | 44.79 |

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

| ON HAND       | 9/12/00 | 9/4/00 | 9/14/99 |
|---------------|---------|--------|---------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 528     | 537    | 42      |
| LOS ANGELES   | 464     | 464    | 0       |

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2000:

|          | CARTONS | WTG AVG |
|----------|---------|---------|
| EX-LARGE | 149-155 | 153.36  |
| LARGE    | 143-150 | 148.14  |
| MEDIUM   | 124-135 | 132.10  |
| SMALL    | 105-109 | 106.04  |

Receipts from the mainland: 9/3/00-9/9/00  
30-dozen cases 4,206

Receipts from the mainland: 8/27/00-9/2/00  
30-dozen cases 5,073

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